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Phil,

Thanks for the quick response. We will then relay to HQs that the data point is invalid.

We agree on the needed improvement of the reporting limits.

Maria

▼ Philip Turner---06/07/2010 12:21:07 PM---This data clearly has problems. If it is listed as U higher than reporting limits, then we have to

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This data clearly has problems. If it is listed as U higher than reporting limits, then we have to view it as U, or invalid. The posting should reflect invalidation. Reporting limits need to be improved if possible. In the risk assessment world, Us are sometimes reported as half the detection limit. That brings the possible value below 30 ug/m3.

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All,

The Air Committee has been noticing that the speciated VOC data from the canister samples have had high and varying reporting limits. Also, there was the data point described below with a 42 ug/m3 for naphthalene that is actually above the 30 ug/m3 screening level. This datapoint is further complicated with it being flagged with a U flag (or reported as a nondetect).

Please help us clarify these two issues as soon as possible so the appropriate value is posted today on the web.

TO-15 VOC review (all in ug/m3) - Issue with a suspected bad sample for C02 (5/31). This sample is listed as having numerous "non-detects [U]" with very high reporting limits (in fact, most of the higher numbers below are from this sample). Recommend invalidation/not posting. One record from this sample is pasted below (in red)

**R06DW C02-20100530-1046-24 C02 Air
Air 1006026 91-20-
3 Naphthalene 42 ug/m3 U U 5/31/2010 1046 N**

Thanks,

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